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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PM VORSTER

1. I HAVE JUST COME FROM MEETING WITH PM VORSTER AT WHICH I INFORMED HIM THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IS PREPARED TO MEET HIM OUT SIDE SOUTH AFRICA FOR TWO DAYS IN MID-MAY. VORSTER RESPONDED FIRST BY CALLING ATTENTION TO STORY APPEARING IN JOHANNESBURG "RAND DAILY MAIL" THIS MORNING WRITTEN BY RICHARD WALKER AND DATELINED NEW YORK WHICH REPORTED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS PLANNING A TRIP ABROAD WHICH INCLUDED AFRICAN STOPS. VORSTER ASKED WHETHER I KNEW WHICH COUNTRIES THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE VISITING. I TOLD HIM I WAS NOT INFORMED OF HIS DEFINITIVE SCHEDULE. VORSTER THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT "SELF RESPECT DEMANDS THAT I NOT SEE HIM IN ANY AFRICAN COUNTRY". FURTHER, IF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY INCLUDES ANY AFRICAN STOP, HE WILL WANT TO SEE HIM IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN TO HIS PEOPLE WHY HE TRAVELLED OUTSIDE OF AFRICA TO MEET THE VICE PRESIDENT WHEN THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS COMING TO AFRICA. IF THE INVITATION WAS TO MEET IN AMERICA, HE WOULD GIVE IT VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERA-

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TION. IF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY IS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN AFRICA, E.G., EUROPE, AND HE IS NOT PLANNING AN AFRICAN TRIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE IS ALSO PREPARED TO CONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY AN INVITATION.

2. BECAUSE HE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY

SESSION, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW EXACT
DATES AND PLACE OF MEETING BEFORE GIVING FINAL RESPONSE.
HE ASSURED ME THERE WOULD BE NO PRESS LEAKS FROM THIS END.
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